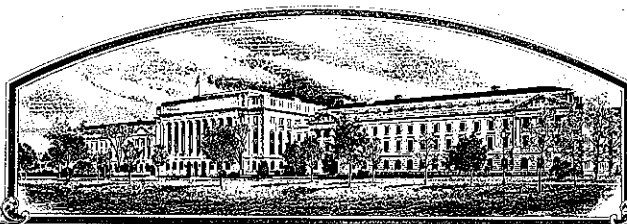


No.



9400012

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Northrup King Co.

Whereas, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE RIGHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR IMPORTING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT PROVIDED BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'S75-55'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this thirtieth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven.

Attest:

Marsha A. Smith
Commissioner
Plant Variety Protection Office
Agricultural Marketing Service

Jan Phillipsman
Secretary of Agriculture

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION CERTIFICATE
(Instructions on reverse)

Application is required in order to determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).

1. NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate) Northrup King Co		2. TEMPORARY DESIGNATION OR EXPERIMENTAL NO. H882546, X9275	3. VARIETY NAME S75-55
4. ADDRESS (street and no. or R.F.D. no., city, state, and ZIP) P.O.Box 959 Minneapolis, MN 55440		5. PHONE (Include area code) 612-593-7333	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9400012 F I L I N G Date Oct. 13, 1993 Time 11:30 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M. F E E S Filing and Examination Fee: \$2325. ⁰⁰ Date Sept. 27, 1993 R E C E I V E D Certificate Fee: \$300.00 Date May 9, 1997
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME Glycine max	7. FAMILY NAME (Botanical) Leguminosae		
8. CROP KIND NAME (Common Name) Soybean	9. DATE OF DETERMINATION February, 1990		
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATION (Corporation, partnership, association, etc.) Corporation			
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION Delaware		12. DATE OF INCORPORATION 1976	

13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE IN THIS APPLICATION AND RECEIVE ALL PAPERS
John C. Thorne,
Northrup King Co,
P.O.Box 949,
Washington, Iowa 52353-0949
PHONE (Include area code): 319-653-6645

14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow INSTRUCTIONS on reverse)

- a. ☒ Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety.
- b. ☒ Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.
- c. ☒ Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety.
- d. ☐ Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.
- e. ☒ Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.
- f. ☒ Seed Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds). Date Seed Sample mailed to Plant Variety Protection Office _____
- g. ☒ Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,150) made payable to "Treasurer of the United States."

15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY VARIETY NAME ONLY AS A CLASS OF CERTIFIED SEED? (See section 83(a) of the Plant Variety Protection Act.)
☐ YES (If "YES," answer items 16 and 17 below) ☒ NO (If "NO," skip to item 18 below)

16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?
☐ YES ☒ NO

17. IF "YES" TO ITEM 16, WHICH CLASSES OF PRODUCTION BEYOND BREEDER SEED?
☐ FOUNDATION ☐ REGISTERED ☐ CERTIFIED

18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY IN THE U.S?
☐ YES (If "YES," through ☐ Plant Variety Protection Act ☐ Patent Act. Give date: _____)
☒ NO

19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKETING IN THE U.S. OR OTHER COUNTRIES?
☐ YES (If "YES," give names of countries and dates)
☒ NO

20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of this variety will be furnished with the application and will be replenished upon request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable.

The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexually reproduced novel plant variety, and believe(s) that the variety is distinct, uniform, and stable as required in section 41, and is entitled to protection under the provisions of section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s)) 	CAPACITY OR TITLE Soybean Research Dir	DATE Oct. 1, 1993
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT (Owner(s))	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE

EXHIBIT A

Origin and Breeding History of S75-55

In 1984 the Coker breeding group at Hartsville, SC made the cross Co 82-645 x D77-6056 and the following year a backcross was made to the first parent using an F3 derived line as the pollen source, as follows: Co 82-645 x (Co82-645 x D77-6056) from which the variety S75-55 is derived. Co 82-645 was later released as the variety "6738".

The first F1 was advanced to F3 in the greenhouse during the winter of 1984/85. Seventeen F1 seed were initially sown and seed from sixteen plants harvested separately. The sixteen F2's were then replanted and advanced to F3 using a modified single seed descent (SSD). The F3 generation was grown in the field during the summer of 1985 in rows which originated from individual F2 plants. A sample of seed from each of these plants was screened with race 14 of cyst nematode, and those which gave zero cyst counts were used as the pollen source for the backcross onto 6738. The BC1F1 was planted in the greenhouse in November 1985 and later harvested by bulking together F1 plants. The BC1F2 was then planted in mid-February and advanced to F3 using SSD. The F3 was planted during the summer of 1986 and numerous single plants were selected at harvest. These were then screened with race 14 of cyst nematode during the winter of 1986-87 and the resistant ones planted as F4 progeny rows during the summer of 1987. One row #1813 was selected, harvested in bulk and designated as H88-2546. From 1988-90, H88-2546 was tested in yield trials throughout the mid-south and southeastern United States. During this period, the line was characterized as possessing purple flowers, tawny pubescence, tan pod walls and seed with a shiny seed coat luster and a hilum with black pigmentation. It was further established that H88-2546 was susceptible to Phytophthora rot, but tolerant under field conditions, and resistant to stem canker caused by Diaporthe phaseolorum var meridionalis. H88-2546 was further evaluated in advanced trials, across a wide range of environments, from 1991-92 under the experimental designation X9275, and based on its yield superiority and disease resistance, it was released in 1993 as S75-55.

Breeder's seed was generated in 1991 by bulking together seed from similar plant row progenies. Foundation seed was produced and approved by the Arkansas State Plant Board in 1992. Varietal purity will be maintained through routine roguing or by the further use of progeny rows as required.

S75-55 is a uniform, stable variety except that it may contain plants with gray pubescence at a frequency of 1/25,000. An even rarer plant with white flowers and gray pubescence may occur at a frequency of 1/300,000. During five years of testing and four years of seed increase, we have observed no other off-types except for minor environmentally induced variation in the intensity of hilum pigmentation.

EXHIBIT B

Novelty Statement for the Variety S75-55 Soybeans

Soybean variety S75-55 is most similar to the varieties Braxton and 6847. It can be differentiated from Braxton on the basis of soybean cyst nematode. S75-55 is resistant to races 3 and 14 and Braxton is susceptible. It may be distinguished from 6847 on the basis of both flower and pubescence color. S75-55 has purple flowers and tawny pubescence, whereas 6847 has white flowers and gray pubescence.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE
LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION
PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE
BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

EXHIBIT C
(Soybean)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY
SOYBEAN (*Glycine max* L.)

NAME OF APPLICANT(S) Northrup King Co	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION H882546, X9275	VARIETY NAME S75-55
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code) P.O. Box 949, Washington, Iowa 52353-0949 Attention: John C. Thorne		FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY PVPO NUMBER 9400012

Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the variety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided, place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g.,).

1. SEED SHAPE:



1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2)
3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)

2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2)
4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)

2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

3 = Brown

4 = Black

5 = Other (Specify) _____

3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)

1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy'; 'Gasoy 17')

4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)

Grams per 100 seeds

5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Buff

2 = Yellow

3 = Brown

4 = Gray

5 = Imperfect Black

6 = Black

7 = Other (Specify) _____

6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)

1 = Yellow

2 = Green

7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:

1 = Low

2 = High

8. SEED PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC BAND:

1 = Type A (SP1^a)2 = Type B (SP1^b)

9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:

1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis')

2 = Green with bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')

3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')

4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'Coker Hampton 266A')

10. LEAFLET SHAPE:

1 = Lanceolate

2 = Oval

3 = Ovate

4 = Other (Specify) _____

11. LEAFLET SIZE:

2

1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312')
3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium ('Corsoy 79'; 'Gasoy 17')

12. LEAF COLOR:

2

1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York')
3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')

2 = Medium Green ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton')

13. FLOWER COLOR:

2

1 = White

2 = Purple

3 = White with purple throat

14. POD COLOR:

1

1 = Tan

2 = Brown

3 = Black

15. PLANT PUBESCENCE COLOR:

2

1 = Gray

2 = Brown (Tawny)

16. PLANT TYPES:

2

1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71')
3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')

2 = Intermediate ('Amcor'; 'Braxton')

17. PLANT HABIT:

1

1 = Determinate ('Gnome'; 'Braxton')
3 = Indeterminate ('Nebsoy'; 'Improved Pelican')

2 = Semi-Determinate ('Will')

18. MATURITY GROUP:

1 0

1 = 000
9 = VI2 = 00
10 = VII3 = 0
11 = VIII4 = I
12 = IX5 = II
13 = X

6 = III

7 = IV

8 = V

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

BACTERIAL DISEASES:

2

Bacterial Pustule (*Xanthomonas phaseoli* var. *sojensis*)

1

Bacterial Blight (*Pseudomonas glycinea*)

2

Wildfire (*Pseudomonas tabaci*)

FUNGAL DISEASES:

1

Brown Spot (*Septoria glycines*)Frogeye Leaf Spot (*Cercospora sojina*)

0

Race 1

0

Race 2

0

Race 3

0

Race 4

0

Race 5

0

Other (Specify)
susceptible to common
isolates; race unspecified

0

Target Spot (*Corynespora cassiicola*)

0

Downy Mildew (*Peronospora trifoliorum* var. *manshurica*)

0

Powdery Mildew (*Microsphaera diffusa*)

0

Brown Stem Rot (*Cephalosporium gregatum*)

2

Stem Canker (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var. *caulivora*)

19. DISEASE REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant) (Continued)

FUNGAL DISEASES: (Continued)

- ☐ 1 Pod and Stem Blight (*Diaporthe phaseolorum* var; *sojae*)
☐ 1 Purple Seed Stain (*Cercospora kikuchii*)
☐ 0 Rhizoctonia Root Rot (*Rhizoctonia solani*)
 Phytophthora Rot (*Phytophthora megasperma* var. *sojae*)
☐ 1 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 0 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ 0 Race 5 ☐ 0 Race 6 ☐ 0 Race 7
☐ 0 Race 8 ☐ 0 Race 9 ☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

VIRAL DISEASES:

- ☐ 0 Bud Blight (Tobacco Ringspot Virus)
☐ 0 Yellow Mosaic (Bean Yellow Mosaic Virus)
☐ 0 Cowpea Mosaic (Cowpea Chlorotic Virus)
☐ 0 Pod Mottle (Bean Pod Mottle Virus)
☐ 0 Seed Mottle (Soybean Mosaic Virus)

NEMATODE DISEASES:

- Soybean Cyst Nematode (*Heterodera glycines*)
☐ 1 Race 1 ☐ 0 Race 2 ☐ 2 Race 3 ☐ 0 Race 4 ☐ 2 Other (Specify) Races 9 & 14
☐ 1 Lance Nematode (*Hoplolaimus Colombus*)
☐ 2 Southern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne incognita*)
☐ 0 Northern Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne Hapla*)
☐ 2 Peanut Root Knot Nematode (*Meloidogyne arenaria*)
☐ 0 Reniform Nematode (*Rotylenchulus reniformis*)
☐ 2 OTHER DISEASE NOT ON FORM (Specify): Javanese Nematode (*Meloidogyne javanica*)

20. PHYSIOLOGICAL RESPONSES: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 1 Iron Chlorosis on Calcareous Soil
☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

21. INSECT REACTION: (Enter 0 = Not Tested; 1 = Susceptible; 2 = Resistant)

- ☐ 0 Mexican Bean Beetle (*Epilachna varivestis*)
☐ 0 Potato Leaf Hopper (*Empoasca fabae*)
☐ 0 Other (Specify) _____

22. INDICATE WHICH VARIETY MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLES THAT SUBMITTED.

CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY	CHARACTER	NAME OF VARIETY
Plant Shape	6738	Seed Coat Luster	6847
Leaf Shape	Centennial	Seed Size	6738
Leaf Color	Stonewall	Seed Shape	6847
Leaf Size	Braxton	Seedling Pigmentation	6738

23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO. OF DAYS MATURITY	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CONTENT		SEED SIZE G/100 SEEDS	NO. SEEDS/POD
				CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil		
S75-55 Submitted	173	2.4	103	6.6	13.6	36.9	20.6	15.0	2-3
6847 Name of Similar Variety	171	2.2	100	6.9	13.9	37.4	20.2	13.0	2-3

PUBLICATIONS USEFUL AS REFERENCE AIDS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM:

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3. Hymowitz, T. 1973. Electrophoretic analysis of SBTI-A₂ in the USDA soybean germplasm collection. Crop Sci., 13: 420-421.
4. Payne, R.C. and L.F. Morris. 1976. Differentiation of soybean cultivars by seedling pigmentation patterns. J. Seed Technol. 1: 1-19.

EXHIBIT E

Statement of the Basis of Ownership of S75-55

Soybean variety S75-55 was developed by the soybean breeding staff of Coker's Pedigreed Seed Company, which was purchased by Northrup King Co. in July 1988. The germplasm used in the development of S75-55 is cited in Exhibit A of this application.

Northrup King Co. believes that the variety is novel, as defined by the Plant Variety Protection Act; and therefore, that Northrup King Co. is the sole owner of the variety.

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